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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 13, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire July 13, 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.